MEET THE ICE KING
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FEATURED CHARACTERS:

Finn
Jake
Lava Man
Ice King
Ice Warriors
Snow Golem
Assorted Princesses

THE ADVENTURE:

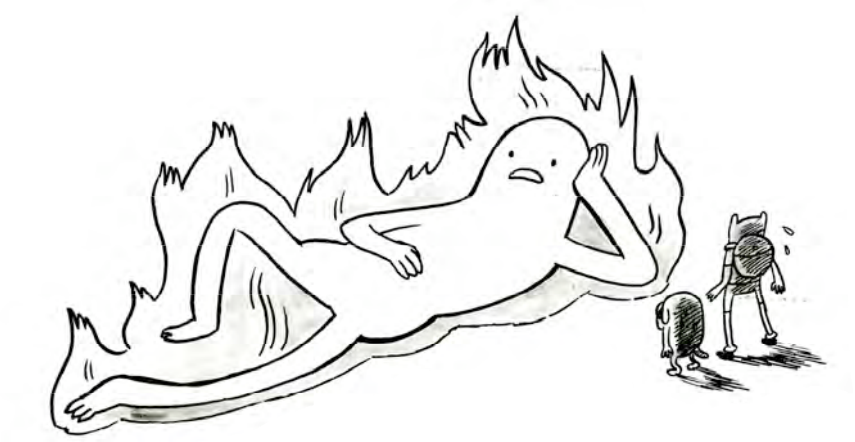
OPEN ON Jake in the tree house. His tongue is hanging out, and he's panting heavily. JAKE: "Hey, Finn, does it feel hot to you at all?" REVEAL Finn, who is so hot there is sweat gushing out his face as if it were a fire hose. FINN: "Yeah, it is kinda warm." Jake and Finn notice chairs, lamps, and framed pictures on the wall are all melting onto the floor.

Finn opens the door to get some cool air, and is shocked to see…

…a WALL OF FLOWING MOLTEN LAVA filling the doorway! Just then, a GIANT LAVA HEAD appears in the window. Jake and Finn scream and jump out the trap door, with Finn using Jake as a parachute. They land on the ground, and look up to see a GIANT LAVA MAN! Finn and Jake attack the monster with wooden swords, rocks, and anything they can get their hands on. Except everything they use on the creature disintegrates as soon as it touches him.

The Lava Man stops the fight by saying he's a friend, and is just passing through on his way home. Jake and Finn continue to throw stuff into his molten lava body (now just for

fun), and Finn asks, “Where’s home?” The Lava Man replies, “Right here looks pretty good”, and sits down, scorching the earth below him. He explains that he’s a nomad; he lays his head down wherever it strikes his fancy!



A hot and bothered Finn and Jake are too polite to tell their new neighbor to leave. They try various ways to cool off, all of which fail. Finally, Jake figures out how they can absolutely, positively cool off – they’ll go to the Ice Kingdom!

Jake is too hot to drag his weary bones all the way there, so Finn gives him a piggyback ride… then asks his friend to shrink a little bit, so he’s easier to carry. Jake happily obliges and Finn runs and runs until they reach…

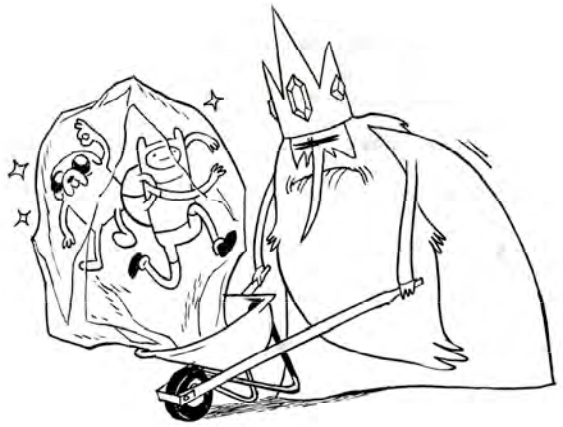
The Ice Kingdom! FINN & JAKE: “Mathematical!” Finn grabs Jake by the hind legs and dunks the top half of his body in a snow bank, changing it from piping red hot, to a much more comfortable orange color. He then grabs Jake by the ears, and dunks his bottom half in the snow, cooling that from red to orange, too. There’s still one, thin red stripe in Jake’s middle that’s hot, which Finn pats with snow until Jake’s cooled off.

Finn and Jake have an awesome time in the Ice Kingdom: They slide down awesome ice chutes and land in a pile of penguins, spit in the air to form frozen spit bridges, and make snow angels atop a gigantic snow dune (which we pull out to reveal is actually the belly of a giggling SNOW GOLEM). Their awesome time is ruined, however, when they run into… the ICE KING and his army of EVIL ICE WARRIORS!

Jake and Finn explain they just came by to beat the heat, and if the Ice King wants them to leave, they will. But the Ice King is a terrible listener and doesn't really hear the offer. Instead, he orders his warriors to "kick some ice!" When Finn and Jake don't respond to his groaner of a pun, the Ice King says it again. It's clear that Jake and Finn definitely heard it this time, but they still don't respond, and the Ice King gets all quiet.

The warriors attack, and Finn and Jake slip and slide about on the icy battlefield, shattering the brutes to pieces with their fists. Our heroes make quick work of their opponents, and move to celebrate their victory when…ZAP! The Ice King FREEZES THEM! As upset as Finn and Jake are, they are also thrilled to be in a block of ice because it's so cool and refreshing.

The Ice King orders his Ice Warriors to bring Finn and Jake back to his lair… and then realizes all his warriors were destroyed. "Aw, man." He walks off and returns a moment later with an ICE WHEELBARROW. He piles Finn and Jake in, and wheels them off, grunting and groaning.



WIDE SHOT of the Ice King struggling to wheel Finn and Jake up a windy, icy mountain path. Halfway up, he takes a break and pulls out a little bag of trail mix. The Ice King sits on the edge of the mountain, looking at the vista as he eats his snack. He finishes, picks up the wheelbarrow again, and continues to wheel our heroes up the mountain.

Inside his lair, the Ice King unfreezes Jake and Finn and throws them in a prison cell, which is filled with ASSORTED PRINCESSES. Most of them are humanoid, but there is also a blob princess and a ghost princess (who could walk through the wall and escape, except her crown isn't a ghost, and she doesn't want to leave it behind). Finn and Jake ask the Ice King what's the deal with the princesses, and he responds, "I'm going to make one of them my queen!" Jake and Finn are confused why he has so many princesses if he's just going to marry one. ICE KING: "I'm collecting them all first to make sure I make the right choice, because marriage is a serious thing and lasts forever. You can't just rush into it, you know."

The Ice King leaves to go collect more princesses, and Finn screams after him to free them. Finn's kind of losing it, rattling the ice bars, and making a big ruckus. Jake gently

lays a hand on his buddy's shoulder and says: "It's cool, man. Literally. This jail cell is the coolest place in the whole Ice Kingdom. Why do you want to leave so bad?" Finn realizes Jake is right, and relaxes on the wonderfully cool and refreshing floor. JAKE: "Besides, all that banging is really upsetting the princesses." Finn looks around at the sad princesses, and feels bad. JAKE: "It's okay, man, let's cheer them up!"

One princess laments that she misses the songs from her homeland. Jake has an encyclopedic knowledge of all songs from every land, and starts ham-boning the tune of her kingdom's anthem. The princess brightens and starts singing as Finn leads the other princesses in a silly dance. (NOTE: The song and dance is similar to the scene in "At the Circus", where Groucho Marx sings "Lydia the Tattooed Lady".)

The party is really getting going when they hear an AWFUL BANGING NOISE. Everyone stops everything and turns to see the Ice King banging on a set of drums, trying to play with them. FINN: "I thought you were leaving." ICE KING: "I was, but I forgot my princess stealing sack, and then I heard you guys, and it sounded like you were having a pretty good time, you know."

The Ice King happily sings the song of the Ice Kingdom, but it's horrible – it's really off-key and none off the words rhyme. The Ice King doesn't understand why the princesses don't like his song, and why they're acting all standoffish. Finn tries to explain it's because he took them prisoner, but the Ice King still doesn't get it.

As the scene goes on, it becomes clear the Ice King just really wants to be part of the group, but has no social skills whatsoever. A princess complains she's hungry, and Jake makes them all shaved ice by scraping the icy cell walls. A BERRY PRINCESS delicately touches the top of each shaved ice, filling it with delicious berry flavor. ICE KING: "Oooooh, I looooooove shaved ice!" Out of generosity, Jake hands the Ice King a shaved ice, but he complains it's not peach flavored.

Finn tells the Ice King, "You should be happy we gave you anything!" ICE KING: "But I'm not. I'm not happy at all. Why are you so happy in there, and I'm so unhappy out here?" The Ice King points to his heart, and says, "and in here?" The Ice King closes his eyes and we FLASH TO:

INSIDE THE ICE KING'S MIND. The Ice King splits into TWO ICE KINGS. They grab hands and soar through an icy starscape, searching for answers.

ICE KING 1: What is wrong with me?
ICE KING 2: What IS wrong with you?
ICE KING 1: Why can't I get along with others?
ICE KING 2: You can't even get along with yourself…

Ice King 2 slaps Ice King 1's hand away, and soars off LAUGHING. The laughing transforms into the laughter of Finn, Jake, and the princesses as we FLASH BACK TO:

The Ice King opens his eyes to see Finn, Jake and the princesses laughing as they play a game of tag in their cell. The Ice King gets really excited. He loves games! He pulls down a homemade board game that he usually can't play because he doesn't have enough players. He explains the rules, which are really complicated and contradictory – everyone is on the same team, but also separate teams, there are lots of color-coded spinners that correspond to color-coded charts, etc. Finn suggests maybe it'd be easier if the Ice King just come in and show them how to play.

The Ice King walks in the cell, and puts on a demonstration. He gets super-absorbed in it, almost manic with glee, until he turns to discover… his prisoners are gone, and he's locked inside! ICE KING: "Aw, man." A beat, then the penguins from earlier waddle into the Ice King's lair, and nuzzle up to him as he sits in a depressed heap.

Outside the Ice King's lair, Finn and the princesses hop onto a GIANT JAKE'S BACK. Jake asks Finn why he tricked the Ice King. JAKE: "I thought you loved that super cold jail cell." FINN: "I was thinking about it, and I didn't think it was right to keep the princesses locked up just so we could be cool." JAKE: "You're right. Good job." A beat, then Jake says: "But I am NOT looking forward to going back to our hot house." Finn has an idea how to cool things down. SMASH CUT TO:

Finn and the Princesses ride through the grasslands on top of Jake's back, with HUGE BAGS OF SNOW! The princesses delicately, and regally, sprinkle it to and fro, while Finn dumps it everywhere. The grassland creatures are amazed by this thing called snow, and happily cheer our returning heroes.

Just then, Jake and Finn hear SCREAMING. They turn to see the LAVA MAN covered in snow, apparently writhing in pain. Jake and Finn run over to help the Lava Man, but discover his cries of pain are actually cries of joy. LAVA MAN: "You guys thought you were hot! Imagine how hot I was!" He thanks Finn and Jake for bringing the snow, which has cooled his lava body into solid rock.

THE END